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William H. Taft 3d Takes African Post

WASHINGTON (UPI): William Howard Taft III, ambassador to Ireland from 1953 to 1957, left this week for the Portuguese colony of Mozambique in southeast Africa for a new assignment as U. S. consul-general there.



WILLIAM H. TAFT III

Taft, 44, is the son of the late Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., O.) and grandson of former President William Howard Taft.

After serving as envoy to Ireland, he became a career foreign service officer serving on the policy planning staff of the State Department. He has been especially interested in African affairs.

Mozambique is a sugar and copra producing colony with a population of 6 million.

Taft was sent to Ireland in 1948 as special assistant to the chief of the Economic Co-operation Administration (ECA). He later held a procurement post with the Defense Department and worked for the Central Intelligence Agency.

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